TOP GUNS 1-320TH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Making History and Finishing Strong

Soldiers, Families, and Friends of Task Force 1-320 "Top Guns"—I write this message on a very historic day here in Afghanistan, a day that many of your loved ones have contributed to, throughout their deployment with their untiring and selfless service. On 29 September 2014, the world witnessed the first peaceful democratic transfer of power in Afghanistan between President Hamid Karzai and newly elected President Ashraf Ghani. A day later President Ghani and his new Chief Executive, Abdullah Abdullah, watched the Afghan National Security Advisor and the US Ambassador sign the Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) along with a similar NATO security document and the Status of Forces agreement (SOFA). These security pacts will help cement a long-term strategic partnership that will allow coalition forces to continue to train, advise and support the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), while retaining Afghan bases to advance security within the region.

Throughout the deployment, Task Force Top Guns successfully conducted engagements with military leaders, politicians, ministry officials and economic advisors that had direct impact across Bagram, Qara Bagh, Charikar and Sayad Khel Districts spanning the greater Parwan Province. These engagements and operations spanned security and economic lines of effort directly impacting the lives of thousands of Afghans. Ultimately, as security improved and concerns diminished across the Bagram Security Zone the local populace witnessed the impact of development projects within their village reinforcing the need to continue assisting ANSF with security.

As the 1393 Afghan fighting season and our time in Bagram draws to a close, our legacy will forever be cemented in the strength of the Afghan Army and National Police's ability to provide the needed security to facilitate two Afghan National Presidential Elections and a successful democratic transfer of power. What is now occurring in Bagram District is an irreversible momentum achieved

from Provincial and District governance reaching population centers untouched for years due to the improved security conditions that now exist. Certainly, time will tell if democracy will truly take root in Afghanistan.

However, what we are witnessing today is a nation that is tired of over three decades of fighting and wanting nothing more than to increase their quality of life.

CSM Ackermann and I are extremely proud of the men and women of this talented multi-national task force. Our legacy has been forged through principled and servant leadership at all levels. We have engaged the populace through strength and respect; as well, connected the political, security and economic institutions from the provincial and district centers to the villages achieving a dialogue and trust unprecedented in Bagram. Our Soldiers' and leaders' perseverance, selfless service and dedication to leave Bagram and the institutions within better than we found them has been achieved. This was clearly evidenced by many Afghan government officials, ANSF leaders and Maliks around the greater Bagram area requesting our unit to stay—for the record, we have politely declined.

Your sons, daughters, husbands, wives and friends have made history and ultimately contributed to reversing an Afghan narrative that in the past would have described its people as destitute, war weary and repressed. Today, Afghans and the residents of Bagram—are entering Eid-al-Adha, the Feast of the Sacrifice, marking the end of the Hajj pilgrimage season. As Afghans celebrate, there is an underlying current in Bagram that their decades of sacrifice and hardships may soon produce an Afghan mosaic—describing its people as evolving, resilient and enduring. The fact that there was a peaceful transfer of power has calmed the people and allowed the anxiety and tensions that once existed during the run-off to now recede to a new normal, something that none of us could have predicted.

Though the new units will continue to carry the torch forward toward an Afghan sustainable future, local nationals will long remember the names of our leaders, the faces of individual Soldiers, the Screaming Eagle

patch, and the black heart sewn on our helmets. Afghan Soldiers, Policemen, and government officials will long remember our mentorship, their force protection improvements, meetings engaged over chai and kabobs, and our numerous partnered patrols. As well, a reduced enemy that will remember their losses and diminished influence, and a relentless pursuit and harassment by Task Force Top Gun Soldiers that did not decrease throughout the entire fighting season. We are humbled by the men and women and of the remarkable dedication they displayed throughout the duration of this challenging mission, the reputation of this organization, and to each other.

Thank you for the prayers and support which have carried us to this point and to the reunion, which we all will shortly celebrate. Rest assured we will finish strong! We are Top Guns! We are Strike Soldiers!

LTC Mark Sherkey
TOP GUN 6

September is a time of transitions. Children transition from summer vacation back to the grind of another school year as summer transitions into fall. For the Soldiers and family members of the Task Force, September brings the transition to the final weeks of the deployment and the upcoming reunion of Soldiers and loved ones that will occur in the next few weeks. In fact, one year ago, the first groups departed for the Joint Readiness Training Center to prepare for this deployment.

The months of August and September have gone by quickly, a sign of how busy we have been. The Soldiers of the Task Force have performed admirably, and have never failed any mission given to them. I was sent a note from an outgoing command team expressing their gratitude for everything the Task Force has done and the example it has set for the units to follow. This note, while short , maybe four lines of text, has a lot of meaning and shows just how great a job the Soldiers are doing and the fact that their day to day contributions are noticed and appreciated by everyone around them. To the family members and loved ones that support their Soldiers, I'd like to extend my thanks to everything you do to support your Soldier. Without you, it would be much harder.

The return to Fort Campbell is a moment that has been looked forward to by Soldiers and family members alike, since we said goodbye all of those months ago as the Task Force departed to Afghanistan. A lot has occurred since then and a lot has changed, both in the local Fort Campbell area and in the Soldiers and their loved ones. Children grow, spouses find new daily rhythms and techniques to compensate for their loved one being deployed, and the Soldiers have nine months of experiences in a foreign land. All of these changes are good, and are a sign of transition too.

The Afghan Government is about to go through a transition soon too. By time this newsletter is published, the new Afghan president will be selected and announced. He will begin forming his new government and the country of Afghanistan will have its first transition in government since Hamid Karzai took office in 2002. The historic significance of this transition is huge and is due, in part, to the efforts of the Soldiers of the Task Force, whose performance of duties ensured a peaceful election, run-off and re-count process. The presence of the US and coalition partners in Afghanistan is changing too, as we go through the process of reducing our troop strength here to the 9,800 announced by the President, here at Bagram a few months ago.

As we head into the last few weeks of our deployment, the Soldiers' morale is high and gets a little higher every day. Everyone has a way to count down the remaining time left on the deployment and all are making plans for what to do upon their return home. I ask that all members of the Task Force and their families do what they can to make this transition, from deployed to home, a safe transition. All of the plans that have been made over the course of the last few months don't need to be accomplished in the first few days back. Take your time, enjoy and savor the time back at home station, and get after those plans as the opportunity arises instead of rushing through them.

The packages and letters that you have been sending over the course of the deployment have done great things to improve and maintain the spirits of the Soldiers. Not to mention keep the mail handlers very busy. However, as we are drawing close to the end of the deployment, we have to shut our mail room down. On average, it takes a package about three to four weeks to arrive. Some take more, some take considerably less. In order to make sure your loved one receives the mail you send them, please do not send anything after 01 October. This doesn't guarantee that they will receive the package if it takes the slow route, but should be a good mark on the wall to stop sending mail.

Our flights out are scheduled through the month of October. When the Soldiers come home, they will go through a seven day reintegration process. Once this is complete, they will return to work as normal. The BDE has block leave scheduled from the first week of December until the first week in January. This time frame was chosen to ensure all deployed Soldiers and the Soldiers on rear detachment get a chance to take leave at Christmas. Also, since the BDE is not all coming back at the same time, this puts us all on the same schedule. Of course, there are two four day weekends on the calendar for the month of November, so your Soldiers will have time off in November. Reintegration training is a vital part in the transition from deployment back to life and service in garrison.

As we head into the final weeks of our deployment, it is good to look back at all of the accomplishments of the Task Force. The Soldiers efforts have really made a difference in the Bagram Security Zone, the outlying howitzer platoons and Mobile Field Artillery Training Team. The changes, initiatives and

improvements made will last for years to come and are something that all can be proud of. There was never a challenge that was too great. It is humbling to see the Soldiers of the Task Force go through their daily tasks with a can-do attitude and a level of discipline and standards that is unmatched—truly impressive.

CSM James Ackermann
TOP GUN 7

TOP GUNS—TEAM CAMPBELL

As of this writing, we have deployed our final package of Soldiers in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and the first ADVON flight is on the ground at Fort Campbell and they have begun the reintegration process. While we eagerly await the return of the remaining Top Guns from theater, we continue to train the Team Campbell force for future operations. Both Alpha and Bravo Batteries recently achieved the 90% benchmark for Air Assault qualification, howitzer and fire direction sections and Fire Support Teams continue to rotate in and out of the field to conduct live fire exercises, Golf Company successfully executed their convoy live fire, and we continue preparations for an Air Assault into Fort Knox in November.

Over the last several months, the Soldiers and Leaders of Team Campbell have proven time and time again that they are capable, and flexible—always prepared to step up to new challenges and responsibilities well above the normal requirements of a Soldier of their grade and experience. In turn, the families of both Task Force Top Guns and Team Campbell always impress with their devoted resilience and dedication.

We are proud of all this Rear-Detachment has accomplished, and will be forever thankful for the opportunity to lead your husbands, wives, sons, and daughters as we lay the ground work for Top Guns' next ***Rendezvous with Destiny***!

A BTRY's 1LT Carino presents our ASA family with Deitz prints in appreciation for all the support they provide the Battalion.

CPT Drew Holler, Team Campbell Commander
1SG Joel Reynolds, Team Campbell CSM

SGT McGorry instructs the members of B BTRY's 7th Section on the proper methods of rigging the M119A3 Howitzer for Air Assault Operations.

Soldiers of HHB conduct an intense combat-focused PT competition.

A BTRY's SGT Mitchell inspects a round during the execution of a fire mission.

The Practice of ACR Helps You Build Stronger Relationships

By Justin Foster, Master Resilience Trainer – Performance Expert (CSF2)

Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness (CSF2) aims to help strengthen the Army family. Redeployment is a challenging time for those at home as well as those Soldiers returning home. I've spoken to Soldiers and family members who told me that it can be difficult to reconnect, clarify roles and reestablish comfort and familiarity. It is not uncommon, but there are actions you can take to communicate better and show that you care.

Shelly Gable, professor at the University of California Santa Barbara, has studied how the way we respond to other's positive events and good news impacts relationships. Her focus was in the context of personal relationships, the people we are closest to. True to the discipline of positive psychology, Gable encourages us to focus on what we can learn from successful relationships, not what's wrong with unhealthy relationships.

One way to build a stronger relationship at home is consistently use what Gable calls active constructive responding (ACR) when family members share positive events or experiences (things they're happy about). ACR is characterized by actively showing genuine interest and constructive enthusiasm. Gable found that there are four ways people tend to respond to other's positive events (outlined below). More importantly, only 1 of these 4 ways of responding builds stronger relationships. The other 3 are deteriorating the relationships we have with those who matter most.

Being active and constructive in our responses to other's positive events isn't easy. Allow me to give you an example of the four typical responses to other's good news. Listen for familiar themes you hear from your family members.

Picture this:

Over dinner your significant other looks across the table, bright eyed with a huge smile, and tells you he is being moved to a new position with more responsibility. Below are 4 typical responses.

A passive constructive response: "That's great." Returning your attention to your Facebook feed, you smile and nod. "What's wrong with that?," you might ask. Your significant other likely feels embarrassed, unimportant and that you don't really care about him. It isn't a terrible response, but it lacks heart and connection. Surely that distraction can wait just a minute.

A passive destructive response: You chime in with "Oh, you won't believe what happened this morning," which turns the conversation to yourself. Your significant other stutters to a halt, not sure you even heard him. "Here we go again," he thinks, because you regularly steal the conversation. Look away, he feels devalued, deflated and demotivated. Soon, you stop hearing about his "good news."

An active destructive response: "New position? More responsibility? You already have to stay late a lot and miss some of the kid's activities." - taking the wind right out of his sails. His excitement turns to anxiety and worry. *Maybe I made the wrong move. I should have thought of that.* You just effectively squashed his moment of happiness like

a child stomping on the birthday present you gave her.

An active constructive response: "Wow, that's great, I'm so excited for you. Tell me how it happened." - continue with follow up questions that show genuine interest, support and help him savor the moment. This is our target response. Your significant other's face lights up. He feels valued, understood and cared about. As he recounts how it all came about, you both grow in excitement. At the same time your relationship grows too as you genuinely listen and show you care.

	Constructive	Destructive
Active	Joy Multiplier	Joy Thief
Passive	Conversation Killer	Conversation Hijacker

Hopefully you can see the significance of active constructive responding (ACR) and how the other three can slowly deteriorate a relationship over time. It is important for you and your family to develop the skill of ACR in order to foster satisfaction in your relationship.

Tips for using ACR

To help me be more intentional with ACR, here are 3 suggestions keep me focused on building the strong relationships we all need to be successful.

#1: Put aside distractions. Focus in on the other person for just a few minutes and give them my full attention.

#2: Hold my 2 cents, doubts or wisdom to myself. I know that even if I have concerns, the moment of excitement isn't the time to have them be heard. These are best kept to a future conversation, even when my concerns are well intended.

#3: Express authentic interest. Smile. Express how proud or happy I am of them. Lean in with curiosity to ask a few follow-up questions that encourage the other person to share more about the event or experience.

Everyone wins. Their happiness was multiplied. And, as it turns out, it's contagious. I walk away more energized too. And, as a result, I feel more connected to the other person.

Give ACR a try

Do you want the people around you to experience greater life satisfaction, higher positive emotions and greater relationship well-being? If so, try to give them a steady diet of ACR. Chances are, you'll boost their engagement, motivation and life satisfaction. Hopefully the 3 principles above can help you navigate some of the challenges of redeployment. With practice and intentionality, you'll see a difference in your relationships. It is well worth the investment.

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APACHE TIMES

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MESSAGE FROM APACHE 6

It's has been a long, hard deployment and the end is in sight. Every day I am amazed by the determination and strength each Apache Soldier displays. I know a big part of their strength comes from the support of the families and friends back home.

We are down to the wire now. This last month will push everyone to their limits as the tempo picks up. New units are coming in and it is on us to ensure they can continue the fight and build upon the momentum we have set in place. I expect great things and a smooth transition from our experienced Soldiers.

I am excited for what the future holds in this deployment, as well as upon our return to Ft Campbell. There will be some work to do as we reintegrate and merge with the rear. But everyone can look forward to the long, well deserved block leave. I thank everyone for their support these last eight months, and cannot think of a better unit to finish the fight with.

FINISH THE FIGHT

Mission Success:

It has been almost 8 months of hard work and busy days. Apache's excellent performance and intelligence gathering earned the role as the Task Force's permanent outside the wire patrolling element, including a presence in the Northern Bagram Security Zone. Everyone has fully risen to this new challenge and continues to bring the fight to the enemy.

With only about six weeks left, everyone has stepped up their work effort to finish the mission at hand. In between missions the Troop packed containers for redeployment, moved into a new Command Post, and new barracks, and facilitated Supply with the turn in of almost $17 million of Theater Provided Equipment. This excellent performance demonstrates the versatility and flexibility of Apache Troop. It also proves that no matter what the challenge, it is guaranteed that Apache will meet and accomplish it.

Mortars and HQ:

This quarter, Apache Command Post continued to battle track the platoons conducting Combat Reconnaissance Patrols. We assisted in the recovery of 1xMQ-1 and 1xCH-47 by providing accurate reports to the platoon on ground and providing enablers/assistance when needed. Apache CP also moved locations to the other side of BAF and never lost communications with ground elements. It was a triumphant feat but none the less Apache CP executed flawlessly with limited man power.

SSG Hayden and the mortar section took some time off at FOB Wright. Although they were not conducting their usual PSD mission to do mortar training, they conducted certifications on their new 60mm system. They also certified the 120mm that they brought up with them. This was not only great training, but it was a necessary mission that allowed Apache to utilize mortar capabilities out in sector.

RED PLT — 1LT FOCARETO

First Platoon (Red Platoon) continues to conduct Area Reconnaissance operations in the Bagram Security Zone in order to prevent Indirect Fire attacks against Bagram Airfield and deny the enemy freedom of maneuver. Red Platoon Soldiers consistently conduct mounted and dismounted reconnaissance operations every day ranging from 10-32 hour missions. Red Platoon leads the way for the Task Force in recovering downed aerial platforms and has also recovered numerous unexploded ordinance throughout the Bagram Security Zone. Throughout the deployment, Red Platoon has trained, advised, and assisted our Afghan National Security Force counterparts. These relationships have significantly improved the security in the Bagram Security Zone and will continue to do so long after we redeploy. After honing their skills over the past eight months, the Soldiers are looking forward to a much needed break upon redeployment. IF YOU AIN'T FIRST YOU'RE LAST!

WHITE PLT —1 LT HURST

White PLT has been busier than ever and continues to remain aggressive and vigilant during the final months of deployment. The reconnaissance culture that White PLT has fostered since arriving in February has spread like wild fire. This is evident by Apache Troop and White PLT assuming a full time role as the Task Force Scouts, marked by constant outside the wire reconnaissance and security patrols. Despite the administrative requirements of redeployment, White PLT's Operations Tempo has increased in a push to the finish.

As a result of the Platoon's success and reputation, White PLT was chosen by US Forces Afghanistan to be the subject of a multi outlet news story focused on the role of Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles that the PLT uses on patrol. Coverage included Armed Forces Network embedding with the Platoon and PFC Hutson conducting multiple news interviews.

In the coming weeks, White PLT looks forward to finishing the Mission in a positive and assertive manner while setting the conditions for a successful reintegration upon arrival at Fort Campbell.

BLUE PLT — 1LT WHITE

As the months roll on it has become clear that the Soldiers of Apache Troop and Blue Platoon have a great impact on the area of operations. Local nationals now greet our Soldiers with large smiles and over-exaggerated handshakes. They are eager to share good news that violence and theft are no longer daily issues. Taliban and HiG sympathizers will most likely exist in the country for some time, however it is clear that they have been severely reduced in their capacity to influence the area. The platoon has utilized this time to aggressively push humanitarian aid kits consisting of school supplies and shoes to children. To date, Blue Platoon has been able to provide school supplies to over 2,000 children in the Bagram Security Zone. The Platoon has also sponsored 2 projects that supplement the battalion's effort in improving the infrastructure of the area. Local national contractors are finishing work on 5 bridges and culvert systems that support 2 villages. The bridges will allow easier access for vehicles and supply carts, while the improvements to the culverts will keep the canals free of blockages. Local farmers will benefit greatly from an abundant water supply. These efforts have been crucial to the force protection mission by reinforcing the message that ISAF are working to help the country of Afghanistan and its people. The long hours and hard work, during these months, has not gone unnoticed. Despite questions remaining about the next president of Afghanistan, locals in and around Bagram Afghanistan are looking forward to a brighter future.

ATTACK COMPANY

2nd Battalion, 502D Infantry Regiment

September 2014

Attack Company Missions

Secure Bagram Airfield

Secure Kapisa SFAAT Team

Disrupt enemy in the Bagram Security Zone

Message from Attack 6

As Attack Company prepares to redeploy to Fort Campbell, our soldiers can proudly look at their accomplishments on Bagram Airfield and in the surrounding villages knowing that coalition forces and the local Afghan populace are safer now and will continue to be safer even after we have left. Attack Company soldiers have made numerous improvements to the Bagram Airfield perimeter. They have completely redesigned and rebuilt a major entry control point. They escorted engineers off base to reduce ramps that could be used to threaten BAF. They sealed dozens of gaps in the perimeter wall with wire and trip flares to create a truly sealed sector perimeter for the first time. The company has worked tirelessly, with little rest and improved their position for 9 months improving battle drills and decreasing reaction times. Soldiers in each platoon have received praise for their performances at BAF wide rehearsals, demonstrating their skills for division leadership. Outside of BAF, Attack Soldiers have maintained constant security for the TF Falcon Kapisa SFAAT. During an ever changing mission to advise multiple ANA headquarters, Attack platoons have planned and led missions enabling their success.

I am extremely proud of the work each soldier has done. Even now, with the end in sight, every man continues striving to leave a lasting positive effect on this airfield and prepare our replacements for success. With our mission nearly accomplished, we all look forward to reuniting with our families and enjoying some well- deserved time together. Thank you for your endless support of your soldiers! We will see you all soon.

CPT Kyle S. Field

Message from Attack 7

Families, the time is winding down and we are starting to pack out all of our equipment and the arduous hours of preparation to redeploy. We all appreciate the love and support over the past eight months, it has kept us going. As we prepare to redeploy, there are going to be more concerns about the impending homecoming. Just remember, you are not going to be able to make up for all the lost times and missed memories in a day. Take it slow, and remember that both parties have grown in different ways and are going to have to take the time to reconnect with each other before making any huge life choices.

The amount of money that you have been making is going to decrease so be prepared and discuss major purchases with each other. Money can be a huge stressor in a relationship. Remember that you will get through it and be grateful that you are now together. There are resources on post that can help you to get things back in order, and by all means, do not be afraid to ask!

The FRG and Division will keep you informed of when we will be heading home and details about redeployment ceremonies. The ceremony is going to be an emotional time for a lot of people and it may be difficult to see your Soldier and then have him swept away again. Just remember that the sooner we get out and back to the Battalion area, the sooner we will all get home and be able to truly enjoy your time together. Once we return we begin a seven day re-integration. These shouldn't be full days and we will do what we can to get your soldiers home quickly, as soon as our work is complete.

1SG Stephen J Card

ATTACK COMPANY

1st PLT SITREP

For the past month, 1ST platoon

has taken over responsibility of the outside the wire patrol mission set. Our task is to secure advisors to the Afghan Army as they prepare to take the lead in the security of their country.

In their time off, soldiers are working on bettering themselves through taking online college courses, reading, teaching classes on infantry tactics, and going to the gym to improve their overall physical fitness. 1ST Platoon continues daily to show great improvements and an unwavering work ethic. We are all excited to continue our mission and get home safely to friends and family. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our unit!

Very Respectfully,

2LT Peter Lees

2nd PLT SITREP

Since August 7, 2ND latoon has assumed the task of securing Bagram Airfield as a Perimeter Response Team, continuing Attack Company's inside-the-wire mission through redeployment.

During the first weeks back, 2ND Platoon has developed innovative battle drill scenarios, incorporating both our Soldiers and our Jordanian allies as opposing forces in order to maintain readiness for any threat.

2ND Platoon has also worked diligently as they make preparations for redeployment. While the hours may be long and tedious, 2nd Platoon has worked extremely hard knowing that we will see our families in the near future.

On August 27, several Soldiers of 2ND Platoon competed for the coveted Polish Marksmanship Badge, which tests their ability to shoot 100 Meter targets with iron sights. Qualifiers were awarded with a badge to wear on their Army Service Uniforms.

We would also like to congratulate 2ND Platoon's own SSG Pierce, SGT Salazar and SPC O'neal. Their extra hard work and dedication to the mission earned them the award of Hero of the Week for the first three weeks of August.

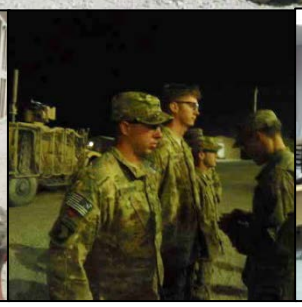
Overall, the men of 2ND Platoon are motivated to accomplish our mission, driving on to return home to our family and friends. We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to being with you soon!

1LT Jacob Oster

3rd PLT SITREP

The men of 3RD Platoon drove on through the month of August and onto September while protecting Afghanistan's strategic Bagram Airfield.

3RD Platoon has been working hard, with a heightened level of morale, to accomplish the mission while setting the stage for the upcoming redeployment back to Ft. Campbell, KY. Every Soldier identifies the magnitude that Attack Company's mission has to Afghanistan's overall security.



Three of 3RD Platoon's Soldiers: SPC Talley, SPC Glasgow, and SPC White, have recently met the requirements to be promoted to Sergeant, and have been inducted into the NCO Corps.

Amidst a busy day-to-day schedule, Soldiers of 3RD Platoon continue to improve themselves. Recently, six Soldiers qualified for the Polish Marksmanship Badge that will adorn their Army Service Uniforms upon return to home-station.

Thinking ahead, the Platoon is buzzing in anticipation for the 1-320th Battalion Ball in Nashville. Each Soldier is excited to enjoy life following their return by celebrating, in style, with their loved ones at a night that's sure to be remembered.

On behalf of 3RD Platoon, your support is our foundation. Thank you all!

1LT Parker Carignan

Headquarters SITREP

Attack Company Headquarters Platoon has been very busy through the month of August. Retrograde and Redeployment are the main goals that are occupying our time.

Currently, Retrograde for us means turning in equipment. As of right now SSG Daley and 1LT Gonzalez have turned in over $5 million dollars' worth of equipment. This task is one of the most important for the eventual withdrawal of U.S. Forces.

Redeployment tasks have been taking up a majority of the other times. Higher echelons of this unit require mountains of data to eventual return Attack Company Soldiers home. This also includes very late days packing shipping container after shipping container. Optimism is still very high and work ethic is higher than ever. As testament to this, Headquarters welcomed the promotions of now SPC Dickerson and SPC Allen as well as the promotion of former SGT Zarlenga to SSG. We may be leaving in a couple months but that doesn't mean any Headquarters soldiers has forgotten for a second how important our mission is.

Headquarters' Soldiers are continuously working to assure the mission here is accomplished to standard and that we return home in a safe and efficient manner. Thank you so much for your unwavering support! –SGT Monroe

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ATTACK Company Gear

Currently, we are selling beverage insulators with our company logo. We have shipped them home to the rear detachment.

In addition, we recently created new Attack Company T-shirts designed by SSG Hill and1LT Oster. The T-shirts will be available to order as soon as we redeploy!

"People sleep peaceably in their beds at night because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf"

Charger Company, 2nd bn 502nd in regt

The Hard Charger

Families and Friends,

The deployment is drawing to a close here but our work is yet finished. The Soldiers of Charger Company continue to conduct patrols, security operations, and have begun packing equipment to return to Fort Campbell. We are all looking forward to reuniting with our loved ones and spending time with our families. However we remain committed to setting the conditions for a successful transition to the unit replacing our mission and know the mission is not over yet.

I am proud to report on September 11th we had four Soldiers re-enlist; SSG Landers, SSG Marsh, SGT Hays, and SPC Fuller, these men have choose to continue their service to our country on a historic day that has brought all of us here. At the ceremony SFC Duffy was awarded an Army Achievement Medal for his exemplary actions as Sergeant of the Guard and SSG Gull was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for his professionalism conducting partnered training with Polish Soldiers. These achievements were awarded by LTC Sherkey the TF Top Guns Commander.

As we prepare to return home spouses and family members need to ensure that their contact information is accurate and up to date to be notified when their Soldiers are coming home. This can be done through the FRG, contact your Platoon point of contact and ensure the right phone number and email is on the roster to ensure you will be notified of the flight time when your Soldier is coming home. If you have not been to FT Campbell recently our Company headquarters building has moved, we have included a strip map to the newsletter to orient you to our new footprint.

Overall, I am tremendously proud of the hard work and excellent performance of your Soldiers throughout this deployment. They have executed the most demanding schedule I have experienced in my three deployments and have done so with steadfast discipline and exemplary performance. From long duration patrols, to conducting security operations on Bagram Airfield, to last minute missions, your Soldiers have performed exceptionally and have consistently been praised by senior leaders. I am proud of their efforts and commitment to completing our mission to the standards expected of a Strike Soldier. Thank you to everyone home for your support to your Soldier here throughout the deployment. Every care package, letter, email, and phone has made a difference and inspired confidence in the love and support your Soldier has at home while serving our nation.

CPT Maxwell Palumbo
SFC Randall Jacobsen

Headquarters Platoon Charger Company (1LT Marsh/SSG Caraballo)

1st Platoon Charger Company (1LT Payne/SFC Duffy)

2nd Platoon Charger Company (2LT Pena/ SFC Kriewaldt)

3rd Platoon Charger Company (1LT Horan/ SFC Wheat)

A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH DYNASTY!

Dynasty has excelled during the August to September months in support of OEF XIV. As the deployment continues forward, Dynasty is continuing to maintain its busy schedule of completing constant route clearance operations. Whether clearing routes throughout the Bagram Security Zone or protecting Bagram while on tower guard, Dynasty is proactively completing the assigned mission with skill and fortitude. CARCO 4 maintains our high mission focus during the night route clearance missions and Bagram Airfield security with the knowledge that we are doing the tasks for which we have trained. Morale and motivation are high throughout the Platoon as the team prepares to finish the mission strong.

A major highlight for August included Culvert Denial System training to improve route security in the Bagram Security Zone. Furthermore, your Soldiers remain physically active and are hitting the gym hard. As a result, the Soldiers are looking and feeling great. When not working hard with their daily CARCO tasks Soldiers have begun the arduous task of laying out and loading equipment that is to be retrograded back to Fort Campbell in support of our return home.

Although we can finally see light at the end of the tunnel we appreciate your consistent and constant support and cannot wait to see you soon! Thank You and Best Wishes.

1LT Jacob Morris 'DYNASTY 6'

(A) The leader of one of the Infantry dismount teams, SSG Lenarz assigns sectors of fire to SPC Gonson, as they provided security for the Engineers installing a culvert anti-tampering device.

(A) CARCO Soldiers ensure they maintain their proficiency when operating crew served weapons by conducting rehearsals of weapons functions checks, and the loading/unloading procedures.

(L) SSG McKee and SSG Dupertuis smile during the Customs inspection of a container, knowing it is one step closer to being home.

(R) SGT Byrd instructs PFC Cupp on how to properly clear the M9 pistol. Proper weapons handling and procedures are key to Soldier safety.

Dear Family and Friends of the 454TH ENGINEER COMPANY

As hot as the weather has been across Texas, we can relate here in Afghanistan. Bagram hasn't seen rain in months and it's starting to show, with gusting winds forcing handfuls of sand into the air and the smog becoming more potent. Nevertheless, the platoons keep moving forward and working harder than ever. Maintenance team's primary concern is the upkeep of the equipment and vehicles in order for the company to stay mobile which is never an easy task during a retrograde period. Headquarters provides support to ensure the essential arrangements are present so platoons can continue to make successful missions.

RCP 71 attended their deployment patching ceremony this last month. LTC Sherkey and CSM Ackerman from the 2nd Brigade, 101st Air Assault, came to bestow the patches upon each individual Soldier and answer any questions they may have had (see picture). The unit, as a whole, is now fully recognized as having served under the 101st Airborne division for the duration of this deployment.

The amount of mail being sent for Soldiers has proven to stay steady. Be sure to keep up the support; your soldiers need it. What your soldier is doing has an important impact on the bigger picture of Afghanistan, no matter how big or small the task may be. You watch the news; you see the unrest scrambling through endless headlines. The 454th is working hard so that their families can be safe, prove a greater good for the American public, and contribute assistance to the Afghani people. Until next time, we send our greetings from Afghanistan.

And now a word from our leaders…

As you fully know, your Soldiers have been hard at work over the past months of this deployment. I am more than blessed to serve with your loved ones, and truly look forward to working with them each and every day.

Your support for us back home shows and gives us motivation to accomplish our mission here in Afghanistan. I can tell you that your Soldiers have executed each and every mission with precision, and have become a family of brothers. The best way to describe what your Soldiers do on a day to day basis is solve complex problems, that never have a definitive answer, that always requires an immediate solution, and they do this every time without fail. I am very proud to tell you that they have made a positive influence in a country that is trying to stand on their own, and have spread diplomacy by shaking hands and making the populace's communities a safer place in order for Afghanistan's government to grow. Please keep sending your support and prayers, we cannot wait to rejoin all of you in our homecoming.

Very respectfully,
1LT Austin Hamilton

2nd PLT has recently had the opportunity to take on a new mission here in Afghanistan. Although I will not go into details, it has been a good change in pace and it is keeping us extremely busy. All the guys of 2nd PLT are motivated and excited to be here, but are definitely ready to be with family. Thanks 454 Engineers and all the family that supports us. Keep sending the care packages. Again, thanks from 2 PLT.

Very respectfully,
SFC Jared Nelson

The last month has been a month of transition for our Field Maintenance Team. We have been busy moving our entire Motor Pool to a new (MUCH better!!) location, all the while conducting maintenance to the best of our ability. We are mostly set up and we are still acquiring necessary equipment to expand our Motor Pool operations, all the while performing improvement activities to make our new Motor Pool the "Heart of the Company". However, work hard, play hard. We have our horseshoe pit and dartboard set up and most of us play a few games at the end of our shift. You can always count on FMT to make hard work fun. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
SFC Jennifer Ferguson

To all the family and friends of the down range Wolves, I personally would like to thank you for all your thoughts and well wishes sent our way. This month has been (like most) a time of change. However I can say without any doubt in my mind that your solders handle it without standing resolve. As this is an ever changing environment your solders look to horizon where home is, but between now and then we prepare to keep fighting to keep all of you safe at home.

CPT Eric Leatherman

Our mailing address:
Soldier's Rank, Name
454th En Co
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Bagram Airfield
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Golf Forward Support Company "Ghost Ryders"

is now entering our final month of this deployment, as the time to come home rapidly approaches; the Soldiers of G FSC remain focused on the mission at hand. Much has happened much has happened since our arrival in Afghanistan, we were handed a seemingly impossible mission of maintaining an entire Task Force and providing all logistical support, all with a fraction of the personnel regularly required for a mission of this size. The Soldiers of G FSC did not let that stop them from performing beyond anyone's expectation, without each and every one of these fine Soldiers and NCO's, we would not have been able to have success in this mission.

Members of G FSC taking part in their weekly road march.

Throughout the last couple of weeks, G FSC had the privilege of re enlisting three individuals before they redeployed back to Fort Campbell, SGT Rigsby, SPC Davis and SPC Thompson. These are some of the most dedicated, hardest working Soldiers that G. FSC has and the Army is better for having them continue to serve.

CPT Seale re enlists SGT Rigsby, SPC Davis and SPC Thompson.

G FSC has continued with its maintenance mission here at BAF, conducting services and making repairs to any and all vehicles that come through our Motor Pool. In addition to our regular mission here in G FSC, the Soldiers have also undertaken a number of different projects. For example, SPC Ezzell and SGT Clinard designed and built a prototype for a mobile fighting platform that can be hung on the perimeter wall to provide better security for BAF. The NCOs of G FSC have also been leading Soldiers in weekly road marches to help prepare them for Air Assault School. Members of G FSC participated in a Polish qualification range, with SGT Clinard, SGT Holt, SPC Browning, PFC Brown and SPC Nissen earning their Polish Qualification badge.

SGT Holt, SPC Browning, SPC Nissen, PFC Brown and SGT Clinard receive the Polish Marksmanship badge.

SPC Ezzell and SGT Clinard stand in front of their newly designed mobile fighting position prototype.

When asked about his deployment, CW2 Washburn (who wishes to remain anonymous) had this to say:

"You will never see a dynasty like this again. As the deployment draws to a near, we look back at what the team has accomplished and the lessons that were learned. The talent that this team has exhibited has been profound. The tenacity and dedication to accomplishing the mission that every single Soldier displayed should be followed by others. Not only have we witnessed the hard work and dedication from each pair of hands within this element, but each Soldier has grown, both professionally and personally. I would like to take a brief moment to highlight what I have observed from my foxhole, thank you for your time.

SGT Mauler makes repairs to a vehicle.

SGT Mauler did not always do maintenance by trade. He crossed over from Field Artillery to Maintenance roughly 18 months ago. The leadership, devotion and the willingness to learn that he obtains made it possible for him to fill in as the role as the Battalion Motor Sergeant, which is normally filled by a Sergeant First Class. He has excelled in this position and was a vital asset in the accomplishment of our sustainment mission. Thank you for your service, SGT Mauler.

SGT Burchette makes repairs to a vehicles windshield.

SGT Burchette has exceled tremendously as a maintenance manager; he has dutifully filled the role of Shop Foreman, which is typically held by a Staff Sergeant. His eagerness to get the job done and to teach his Soldiers is by far one of the best examples of leadership. With SGT Burchett's drive to accomplish the mission, he will excel as a maintainer in the Army.

Without him G FSC would not have been as successful. Thank you for your service, SGT Burchette.

SGT Suffridge works diligently to ensure that all vehicles are dispatched and being tracked in our system.

SGT Suffridge demonstrated that through self-motivation any task can be done. She has been the only 92A within the Task Force and has done the job of three people. Her name was called upon by other entities on BAF numerous times for her knowledge and professionalism. She has trained a mechanic to efficiently perform the duties of a Shop Office clerk. She has done great things for the mission while also continuing her goal of completing college level education. Without her knowledge and expertise emplaced within this mission, we would have failed. Thank you for your service, SGT Suffridge.

SGT Rigsby gathers tools to make repairs to a vehicle that was found to have deadlining faults.

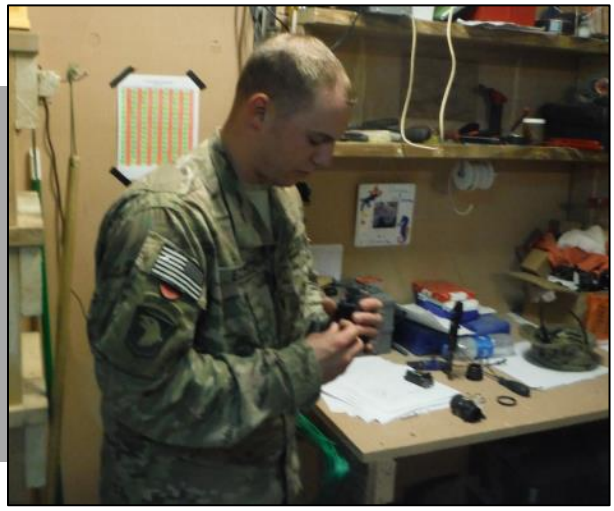
SGT Rigsby has the work ethic of an Ox, meaning, He. Will. Not. Quit. Numerous times SGT Rigsby was called upon for immediate action on maintenance; he did not even raise a brow. His reply was simply "I'll be right there". He took every opportunity to learn, teach and network with entities throughout BAF. This inspired the people around him to want to handle situations in this same manner, thus making all of us successful. Thank you for your service, SGT Rigsby.

SGT Clinard working on one of his many side projects that he had throughout the deployment.

SGT Clinard is incredible when working with metal. When something out the ordinary needed to be fabricated, he was the man. His skill set that he has in fabricating materials is a talent that is rarely seen. There is nothing that he cannot come up with, you can simply tell him an idea of what you are looking for and he creates something way beyond expectation. Without his talent, the security improvements that were made on BAF would not have been possible. Thank you for your service, SGT Clinard.

SPC Thompson makes repairs to one of the hundreds of weapons that came through the armament shop.

SPC Thompson was the only armament repairer that we had in the Task Force, handling the maintenance for over 700 weapons. When he wasn't continuously inspecting and fixing weapons he would fly to other FOBs to assist with maintenance and repairs on the Battalion's Howitzers. I went on one of those missions with him and remembered being surprised at how well he knew how to get around Afghanistan. SPC Thompson has a keen sense of humor that always kept everyone laughing and in good spirits. Without his ability to know how to repair the vast array of weapons, the Task Force would have failed. Thank you for your service, SPC Thompson.



SPC Ezzell makes repairs to a set of night vision goggles.

SPC Ezzell owns the night. When it came to night vision, SPC Ezzell always ensured he was very thorough in all aspects of night vision sustainment. SPC Ezzell gave several classes on preventative maintenance for a pair of night vision device which resulted in operators knowing how to better maintain their equipment. He has a grand talent of wood-working also. All the projects that were built around the motor pool were constructed by him, using his talent to steadily keep improving our operating environment made life a little bit easier for everyone in the motorpool. Thank you for your service, SPC Ezzell.

SPC Acevedonieves, once again is the first one to a truck to start working on it.

SPC Acevedo has the most pride for what he does than anyone else. There was one particular day that he must have fixed 15 trucks himself, and could not have been prouder of his work. SPC "Ace" has a special characteristic like no other, what I mean by this is that you will never see him upset. (Well…he might get a little upset if you take the part that would fix the truck he was working on and use it on another). That's part of his character: accepts and overcomes challenges and makes sure the job is done of the utmost quality. Without his drive and motivation we would not have been successful. Thank you for your service, SPC Acevedo.

SPC Stephens makes repairs to the electrical system in a vehicles dashboard, ensuring that all systems are working properly and that the vehicle is able to safely conduct mission.

If you are in a bad mood and you happen to run into SPC Stephens, prepare to have your attitude changed. SPC Stephens has such a great personality that he keeps those around him in high spirits, naturally. There was one particular instance that SPC Stephens working on a truck with one of his peers, they must have cracked jokes and laughed the whole time they fixed the truck, which was still astoundingly fast. SPC Stephens was almost always the first one to jump when he heard a truck pulling into the motorpool. His motivation to get the job done with such a great attitude added to the mission accomplishment of keeping all vehicles on the road. Thank you for your service, SPC Stephens.

SPC Browning once again found under a vehicle doing whatever needs to be done to ensure that it gets repaired.

"SPC Browning, do you want some water?" This question was asked countless times. The reason why is because people would constantly go to the truck that he was working on, (90% of the time he is twisted into some weird position in the truck) and he would be soaked with sweat. His reply would always be "No, I'm good". SPC Browning is a true Soldier, repairing what's in front of him and not looking back but moving forward onto the next challenge. If SPC Browning was not part of this team to demonstrate so often how to overcome obstacles, we would not have been as successful. Thank you for your service, SPC Browning.

SPC Nissen jumps a the opportunity to get outside the wire on a FEPP drop. One of the many times he has had to do work that is outside the scope of his MOS.

SPC Nissen's MOS has become somewhat of a mystery throughout our motor pool. Scholars have lost all records of his true MOS. SPC Nissen joined the Army as a mechanic but his talent to comprehend difficult tasks and organizational skills afforded the mission to have another shop office clerk. His willingness to learn and to take on overwhelming tasks allowed him to be successful in a job that most mechanics do not get the opportunity to learn. SPC Nissen always displayed outstanding initiative, always looking for what task needed to be completed next. SPC Nissen knows what sacrifice is as he was enrolled in college education the entire time we were deployed

and still completed the job of two people at work. Without his talent and enthusiasm in learning all that he can, we would have not been as successful as we were. Thank you for your service, SPC Nissen.

PFC Brown works on a vehicle after returning to G FSC.

PFC Brown had always been a part of the team but did not physically become part of the team until later in the deployment after he helped out another Battalion with power generation missions. To no one's surprise, all of the leaders in that Battalion said nothing but positive words about PFC Brown. As soon as PFC Brown returned to Golf Company he was ready to get after the hard work. PFC Brown was cross-trained to be an outstanding air conditioning maintainer, which the vehicle operators greatly appreciated. He continued, daily, to learn new aspects of maintenance by jumping on trucks with repairs rather than waiting for a generator to break. The difference that he made when he got here could be felt as he took on many tasks that lightened the load for his peers. His selflessness, eagerness to get the job done and great attitude made this maintenance team highly successful. Thank you for your service, PFC Brown.

(Above) SGT Guerrero and PCF Turano work together to place a barrier on one of our many force protection material drops. (Left) SGT Ellis and SGT Grisham work to place a barrier during a different drop to improve an Afghan security position.

Our Recovery Teams played a vital role in the overall success of our maintenance mission. If SGT Guerrero, SGT Ellis, SGT Grisham and PFC Turano did not have the skill set that they have we would have failed. The Recovery Teams were on duty more than any other Soldier, standing ready to support the Task Force in the event of maintenance failure on a vehicle. Each team was on duty for approximately 2,532 hours throughout the deployment with each team pulling twelve hour shifts, daily. I went out on a recovery mission that required both teams, I remember at one point during the recovery looking on at these guys performing their craft and thinking of how proud I was to be a part of such a great team. The way they communicated with each other, the ideas they shared and they way they executed was flawless. Without the persistence that is instilled within these gentlemen, we would have failed. Thank you for your service, SGT

Guerrero. Thank you for your service, SGT Ellis. Thank you for your service, SGT Grisham. Thank you for your service, PFC Turano.

(Above)SPC Davis secures a load on the back of his LHS as he prepares to transport it to where it needs to go.

(Left) SGT Holt in his forklift, where he spent many hours of his deployment.

"Has anyone seen SGT Holt or SPC Davis?" The reply was usually that they were transporting-something, there were times we would go days on end without seeing these guys around the motor pool. It wasn't because they went missing or because they weren't at work. It's because they started working hours before anyone got to the motorpool and finished hours after everyone left. They were a vital asset in moving everything that the Task Force wanted moved, which played a tremendous role in building up certain aspects of security on and around BAF. They not only played role in the grand scheme of things, they also assisted tremendously with maintenance type actions. Big trucks require big parts which SGT Holt and SPC Davis would pick up and drop off to assist with maintenance operations. You need something you moved, you ask. The only thing that you will hear in reply is "no problem, when are we moving it?" Without the capabilities that SGT Holt and SPC Davis brought with them to accomplish the mission, sustainment operations would have failed.

Members of G FSC work with Soldiers from Poland to make repairs to a vehicle.

G FSC also like to acknowledge all the Coalition Forces that we worked hand-in-hand with: Petr, LT Petrak (Czech Republic) and Chris (Poland). It was an absolute pleasure working with you and thank you for giving our Soldiers the opportunity to learn about your Army and experience your culture. We endured hard work and long hours together, best of luck to your futures and Godspeed to our new friends."

SPC Acevedonieves works with a mechanic from the Czech Republic to make repairs to their vehicle.

In closing, the Leadership of G FSC wants to express their gratitude and appreciation for the hard work that each and every person in this company put into this deployment. We are humble to have served with such fine Soldiers. The Task Force as a whole would not have been successful if not for our company working behind the scenes providing the maintenance and logistical support. We continuously asked every member of our team to give 100% and they did not disappoint. It truly has been an honor to be a part of this team and serve alongside you. The Soldiers of G FSC return home with honor and their heads held high knowing that they accomplished their mission. G. FSC fought where they were told and won where they fought.

Ghost Ryder 6 (CPT Joe Seale)
Ghost Ryder 7 (SFC DeLewis Lawrence)
1LT Steven Roberts
CW2 Matthew Washburn

Soldiers, Families, and Friends of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery "Havoc,"

I am extremely humbled to be the new HHB Commander. I am very proud of every Havoc Soldier and excellent work he or she has done so far in the deployment. Every single Havoc Soldier pours his or her heart into their work and I couldn't be happier or more honored to be serving next to them. I'd like to extend my sincerest appreciation to our families and friends who continue to support us while we are deployed. Your love and support truly keep us going and enable us to accomplish our mission.

Havoc Soldiers partnering with Soldiers from the Polish Army during a range

Over the past two months, Havoc Soldiers and leaders have been hard at work maintaining the security of Bagram Airfield and the surrounding area. This has been made possible in part by the Havoc advisor team which advises the Afghan National Army unit located on Bagram Airfield on security operations. Integral to security are the efforts put forth by the S9 section (Civil Military Operations). They continue to develop the areas surrounding Bagram Airfield by starting projects with local contractors that build schools, build water wells, and improve the agricultural capacity of local farmers.

Havoc Soldiers during the Battery change of command ceremony

The HHB staff continues to work well into the night planning operations to defeat the enemy within the Bagram Security Zone (BSZ), secure Soldiers and civilians on Bagram Airfield, and increase stability by increasing the capacity of partnered Afghan forces and local leaders in the BSZ. The S1 (Personnel) section has been planning and executing end of tour awards ceremonies that recognize all of the Soldier's and the excellent job they did during the deployment. The S2 (Intelligence) section continues to ruthlessly digest large amounts of information in order to provide the staff and commanders with timely and correct intelligence and analysis.

Havoc Soldiers participate in a rifle range to earn the Polish Marksmanship Badge

Our S3 (Operations) shop is continuing to develop plans for current and future operations of the

battalion and for the unit that will be replacing us. The S4 (Logistics) continues to support the task force by working with the companies, troop, and batteries to turn in and prepare equipment for transfer.

Medic, SPC Kyser, practices physical therapy techniques

The S6 (Signal) section has been staying busy with providing communications and network support to the other staff sections and the companies, troop, and batteries. The S6 Soldiers have also been cross training on equipment that the battery will receive after redeployment. The S7 (Information Operations) continues to work with the companies and troop to inform and influence the local Afghans to support the Afghan government. He also continues to take pictures and post them on the Battalion Facebook page in hopes to make the Soldiers famous.

SSG Lingley receives his farewell gifts from Jordanian Task Force 222K

The Task Force Jordanian Liason Officers, comprising of SSG Lingley (HHB) and SGT Shields (A Battery), continue to work with the Jordanian Army to continue improving force protection and quality of life for our coalition partners.

In addition to the excellent work of the staff sections, the HHB HQ and Medics sections continue to support the battery and the task force through multiple initiatives. The HQs section planned and executed an ambitious container packout schedule that ensured all of the unit's property and individual Soldier's equipment was packed and accounted for prior to movement. The medics continue to provide care to all Soldiers in Task Force 1-320 as well as prepare to transfer the aid station to the incoming unit.

Havoc Soldiers show off their Polish Marksmanship badges

It is truly an honor to serve with every single Soldier in Havoc Battery. Each of them inspires me with their positive attitudes and willingness to work as a team. We all look forward to our return to Fort Campbell to reunite with our loved ones and friends. Thank you for your continued support.

HAVOC 6 (CPT Matthew Boudro)
HAVOC 7 (SFC Bennie Coleman)

The Soldiers of Alpha Battery have continued to perform exceptionally in support of Task Force TOP GUNS' multiple missions throughout eastern Afghanistan.

First Platoon, led by the incoming Platoon Leader 1LT Ian Sher and SSG Donald Coffey, have completed all construction projects for their firing point improvements and have been recognized by STRIKE leadership for their accomplishments. They have worked extremely hard to continuously improve their firing point since moving locations, and they still find time to conduct unit fitness activities and team building events.

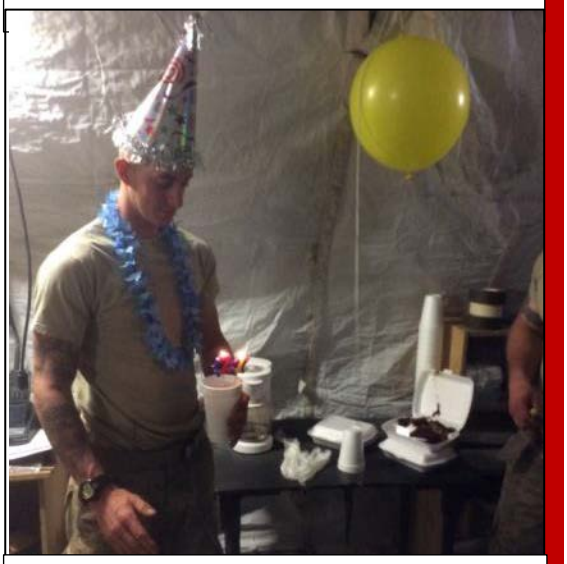
Third Platoon, led by 1LT Michael Gorman and SFC Craig Temme, continue to provide artillery support to 1-75 CAV. The Soldiers remain busy with executing fire missions, continuing training, and conducting group fitness activities. The Soldiers moral remains high, even with the intermittent flash floods, and competition will be high as they will soon crown the final cornhole and horseshoe champion from the deployment

Both Platoons have hosted multiple Fires Leader Development Programs for Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers across the Brigade. The program allows the Platoons to showcase and instruct firing point procedures to leaders who are not currently filling Artillery positions, but will in the future.

The D30 advisor team, led by CPT Michael Aldaya and SFC Daniel King, have continued advising the Afghan artillerymen across eastern Afghanistan. They have provided the Afghan Field Artillery leaders with the tools and training to call for and provide timely and accurate fires. The overwhelming success of their efforts and the Afghan Soldiers that they train is a great sign for the future of Afghanistan. The team has been consistently recognized for their hard work, and has kept their morale high by executing team physical training events and movie nights.

Finally the Soldiers working in the Task Force headquarters continue performing outstandingly. Their

Soldiers from 3rd Platoon prepare to fire the M777A2



1st Platoon celebrates PFC Dillon Rank's 21st birthday

Top Gun 6 passes the guidon to the incoming Rockhard Commander, CPT Tyler McCall

hard work and dedication has proved evident as they have improved the capabilities of the Task Force's operations center, the Jordanian military, and they have been tirelessly preparing the Battery's equipment for redeployment. All of our Soldiers continuously set the standard for our various missions, both in Afghanistan and at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Our performance would not be possible without the unwavering support we all receive from our friends and families. Thank you for your continued encouragement and we look forward to seeing everyone very soon.

ROCKHARD 6 (CPT Tyler McCall)
ROCKHARD 7 (1SG Bill Cuttin)

SGT Rober Curtsinger cites the Oath of Enlistment with 1LT Michael Gorman during his re-enlistment ceremony while SPC James Murray and CPF Jesse Belcher hold the American flag.

Above: Soldiers from 1st Platoon conduct charge five calibration with the M777A2 Howitzer.

Above: 1LT Michael Gordon, SFC Craig Temme, SPC Justin Sawyer, SGT Robert Curtsinger, SSG Nelson Valentine, and SPC Brian Beaty after participating in the TF WIDOWMAKER's 9/11 Remembrance Run.

Left: 1st Platoon Soldiers work hard to place sandbags around their ammunition storage area.

Lieutenant Colonel Mark Sherkey

and

Command Sergeant Major James Ackermann

are pleased to announce the

1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment Ball

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St. Barbara's Day Celebration

on Friday, January 23rd, 2015 beginning at 6:00 pm,

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Service Members: Dress Blues/Dress Mess

Civilian Guests: Formal Attire

Tickets are priced at $60 for all guests

Hotel rooms are available for reservation at $130 per room

Three-course dinner is included

Vegetarian option available upon request

For ticket sales at Fort Campbell, please contact 2LT Natalie Majkrzak

at 270-412-4186 or natalie.m.majkrzak2.mil@mail.mil

For downrange ticket sales, and after redeployment, unit level POCs are:

HHB: 1LT Price ***A/1-320: 1LT Krebsbach***

A/1-75: 1LT White ***Golf: 1LT Roberts***

A/2-502: 1LT Carignan ***C/2-502: 1LT Marsh***

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Break Horse Camp—6-10 October, Fort Campbell Riding Stables

Co-ed Slowpitch Softball—Begins 8 October, North Softball Complex, Fort Campbell

Clarksville Customs House Free Day—11 October, 1000-1700, Clarksville

Fall Fest and Big Smo Concert—11 October, 1200-1800, Division Parade Field, Fort Campbell

Pickin' On The Porch—11 October, 1800-2100, MB Roland Distillery, Pembroke

Jazz on the Lawn—11 October, 1800-2130, Beachaven Winery, Clarksville

How to Buy a House Seminar—14 October, 1300-1500, ACS BLDG 5662, Fort Campbell

Women's Warrior Self Defense Class—15 Oct, 1130-1300&1900-2030, Family Resource Center, Ft Campbell

Eagle Challenge Fitness Tour: Go Commando Half Marathon, 5K, & Fun Run—18 October, Clarksville

"Party in Pink" Dance Jam—18 October, 1020-1230, Estep Wellness Center, Fort Campbell

Children's Halloween Carnival—18 October, 1300-1600, DW Rec, Fort Campbell

Spooky Spectacular & Haunted Maze—18 October, 1400-2000, Kleeman Community Center, Clarksville

Walk Against Domestic Violence—25 October, 0900, Fryar Stadium, Fort Campbell

Pickin' On The Porch—25 October, 1800-2100, MB Roland Distillery, Pembroke

Jazz on the Lawn—25 October, 1800-2130, Beachaven Winery, Clarksville

Eagle Challenge Fitness Tour: The Culminator 10K, 5K & Fun Run—November 15 - Fort Campbell

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